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The editor will try to publish newsletters in future by mid-December and by the end of April and August. Newsletters since that for the August 2014 edition are also available as a pdf file from the Society website. A new section "5" on the Society web site has been designed to accommodate this.

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the early winter 2017/2018 newsletter. We have concluded our 2016/2017 programme which as anticipated has turned out to be very varied and also very interesting, and have started our new 2017-2018 programme. Our thanks are due to Rufus Barnes, who has organised the new programme for the Society.

From time to time we have to make changes to our published programme on the blue cards. However, the editor tries to keep the programme details on the Society's web site always up to date; this can be found at; - www.cambridgephilatelicsociety.co.uk

If any member is on email, and has not received this newsletter by email, but would be happy to receive future newsletters and communications by email then would you please let the secretary know at; info@cambridgephilatelicsociety.co.uk; this will help save on both postage and paper costs.

MEMBERS' NEWS

Our membership records indicate that **John Towler** joined the society in 1947 and thus he has now been a member for 70 years. Many congratulations to John for this fine achievement.

Our member **Sean Brady** has now moved to Cambridge in New Zealand where he has joined the local Waikato Philatelic Society in nearby Hamilton, NZ. He would welcome contact from any of our members; lambertx@gmail.com

It will be touch and go as to whether this newsletter will go out by email before or after Christmas but nevertheless may I wish all members a very happy Christmas and a successful New Year.



Friday 21st July

MEMBERS, EVENING; SHOW WHAT YOU LIKE

Stafford May showed Earl Toops' USA regional competition entry on the Trucial States. **Sean Brady** then put up mint stamps of Malawi, the former Nyasaland, from 1964 which included varieties and overprints. **Richard Husband** then displayed various GB Cinderella issues which included Shakespeare labels and stamps and a cover from Lundy Island. **Tony Crowther's** subject was the foreign Post Office issues for the Ottoman Empire which included covers. **Phillip Noble's** subject was 50 years of Machin issues, and their development through different printings and improved security.

In the second half **John George** took us back in time to pre stamp cancellations on mail emanating from Huntingdon and Godmanchester. **Michael Leveridge** put up covers depicting material changes on GB mail, and also letters to every household on the subject. **Rufus Barnes** put up a remainder collection from Canada which included coil stamps and special delivery mail. **John Towler** displayed a mixture of mail from Newmarket and Six Mile Bottom which included mileage marks. **Geoffrey Datson** showed stamps and covers depicting events at the Royal Opera House from 1732 to 1858. **Graham Wylde** wrapped up the evening with a display of postally used fiscals.

Wednesday 2nd August

FINLAND; FIELDPOST, MARITIME AND RAILWAYS

Eric Keefe relayed the history of the fieldpost operation and examples were seen of covers, free labels, and mail opened by the Germans. In the second half we were shown many examples of covers, postal markings and the development of maritime and rail mail.

Friday 18th August

AUSTRALIAN STATES

We gave a very warm welcome to **David Gottesmann**. He explained the evolution of the different states, their postal customs and the subsequent boundary changes into what more or less happens today. Various covers and postal stationery were shown as well as printing plate differences, perfins, railway parcel stamps, and specimen overprints.

Wednesday 6th September

IRISH STEW

We welcomed **Peter Wood** who gave us an very varied display on Ireland with a large selection of stamps and covers.



Friday 15th September

PRESIDENT'S EVENING

Rufus Barnes gave us an excellent display.

Wednesday 4th October

NEWFOUNDLAND- BRITAIN'S OLDEST COLONY

Adrian Boggust gave us a detailed history of the postal services in Newfoundland from the first stamp issue in 1857 until March 1949 when it became part of Canada. Examples were seen of plate proofs, reprints and colour trials for some of the early issues, as well as the different printers being involved. A great deal of information was also shown for the **John Cabot** set.

The second half was devoted more to post markings and instructions by way of many covers, postcards, air mail covers which latter included the Balbo flights.

Friday 20th October

DENMARK

We gave a very warm welcome to **Chris and Birthe King**.

Chris displayed examples of mail from the Duchy of Schleswig from very early times until 1920. The earliest of these letters was dated 1587. There were many examples of the first stamps of Denmark on cover. Wars and the occupation of Denmark by Prussia and Austria at different times featured prominently in the display which included medals awarded by both Denmark and its invaders. Included, were many soldiers' letterheads on which they wrote home as well as Austrian Field Post items. A copy of a map of around 1852 was given to all present.

Birthe gave an 'Open Class' display entitled 'Denmark: Conscience, Conflict and Camps 1932 - 49' which dealt very thoroughly with Denmark's survival during World War 2 including the necessity for internee camps first for British citizens and then for Americans who found themselves in Denmark after the US entered the war following Pearl Harbour.

Wednesday 1st November

COMPETITION EVENING

{POSTAL HISTORY, GREAT BRITAIN, CINDERELLA, FIRST TIMERS AND OPEN CLASS}

We gave a warm welcome to **Bill Gibb** from Huntingdonshire Philatelic Society and **David Belton** and **David Alford** from North Herts Stamp Club who were extremely helpful and professional in the way in which they carried out the judging, and commenting afterwards on the various entries.



Overall eleven entries were received for the five listed competitions, the same as in 2016. Congratulations are due to the winners of the competitions as follows;

Postal History;	Adrian Boggust	Newfoundland
Great Britain;	Graham Wylde	Postally used Fiscals
Cinderella;	No entries	
First Timers;	No entries	
Open Class;	Simon Kelly	George Glyn

During the judging **John George** gave us a very varied display of mainly revenue stamps from some of the many Indian States, including Jongula, Idar, Jasdan and Nawangar.

Our thanks are due to John and for all those members who entered the various competitions.

Friday 17th November

POSTMARKS OF THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA AND CAPE TOWN DOCKS 1652-2000

Robert Hill began his display by explaining that work began on the Cape Town Docks shortly after **Jan van Riebeck** founded a settlement there in 1652. The growth in passengers and trade and the recurring bad weather in Table Bay led to the next stage in their development which came in 1860 with the commencement of the Alfred Docks which was followed by the construction of the Victoria Basin.

We were shown a number of shipping postcards, and postmarks often made by cork cancellers all of which were relevant to the docks. The role of the Shipping Postmaster who worked in the docks selling post office services and dealing with registered letters was explained.

Next, Bob showed mail from flights in South Africa undertaken by Malcolm Campbell. This was followed by a short display relating to Kit Kat wrappers from 1910 onwards and their possible relevance to South Africa.

Wednesday 6th December

CHRISTMAS PARTY

This was a social evening. A very good evening was had by 17 members and their partners/guests. Thanks are due to those who provided and organised the food and drinks, especially **Roger Carr**, and to the ladies in particular who helped clear up. Thanks are also due to those members who put up short stamp displays, and to **Ray Revell**, **Graham Wylde** and **Rufus Barnes** who provided the many quiz questions which kept many of us bemused.



FUTURE MEETINGS

The 2017-2018 programme continues with the following meetings.

Wednesday 3rd January 2018

MEMBER'S EVENING LETTERS N, O AND P

Friday 19th January 2018

GB LINE ENGRAVED; GRAHAM WYLDE

Wednesday 7th February 2018

GOLD COAST; JOHN POWELL

Friday 16th February 2018

COMPETITION EVENING

(Display by **Ray Revell**)

OTHER MATTERS

SOCIETY AUCTION

Would all members please make a special effort over the coming few weeks to get suitable material set aside for the next auction which takes place on Wednesday 7th March 2018. Full details should be given to our president **Rufus Barnes**, ideally during December, but no later than Friday 19th January 2018 by email to; roodle2@sky.com. A summary sheet was sent to all members on email at the end of November.

MID ANGLIA PHILATELIC FEDERATION

Full details of events, contacts and recent newsletters appear on the federation website; www.mapf.co.uk

The above includes the end November 2017 newsletter, which is also attached in pdf format for those members on email.

PJM 24th December 2017

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